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**Location:** [Vermont Supreme Court Gallery](#)  
111 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

**Exhibition from:** January 4 – March 31

**Opening Reception:** Thursday, January 12, 4:00 – 7:00

**Art Walk:** Friday, February 3, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**Artists Website:** [Lark Upson](#)

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Lark Upson - Portraits

**MONTPELIER, VT:** The first artist to bring in the New Year at the Vermont Supreme Court Gallery is Lark Upson from Marshfield. The show will run from January 4 until March 31. An opening reception will take place on January 12, from 4 to 7 pm.

In 2005 Upson began turning her attention to oil painting, especially portraits. Her human subjects, mostly regional models are staged in traditional poses. Each work displays the everyday complexity and individuality that only quality portraiture can convey.

Upson also has a strong interest in the protection of our wildlife and environmental preservation. In this exhibit, she presents full-size renderings of Lions 4ft x 6ft and Empire Penguins 46"X 36". She will be displaying portraits of four species on the verge of extinction. Beside each painting is information on the status of their populations, climate impact on their habitat and what can be done to help save them. Her intention is to raise awareness **of** the decline **in** population of many endangered species. Upson's wish is for other artists to join with her in depicting the many species at risk.

Upson states: *"Human activity has reduced animal populations across the globe to an astonishing degree, and it pains me daily. Climate change is the biggest problem facing our beautiful planet, and yet there are so many people who refuse to accept this fact. It is my hope that these animal paintings will ask everyone to look, think and act!"*

Lark also has a diverse background as a furniture maker and an interior and architectural designer.

**If you need additional images or would like to set up an interview, please contact the artist directly at: Lark Upson 802. 595.3377 or email: [larkupson@gmail.com](mailto:larkupson@gmail.com)**

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